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ARCEC Ham Of The Year

By Sue Robins AF6LJ

Mike Oberbauer KG6TDP has been a key member of our club for longer than I can remember. He has been there to move the tower trailer for every event we use it at. Mike is also our Social Chair. Thank You Mike for all your hard work, we appreciate it. Last but not least thank You Patrick Gooden K6PFG. On that note; I forgot to attribute the Ham of the Year picture in January to Patrick as well, sorry about that.

Next Month's Meeting

Due to Covid-19 impact; the April meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon will be canceled. Stay tuned for the late over at <https://wa6bgs.us>

Remember;

Keep Calm, & Ham On

ARCEC Needs Your Input

What would you like to see at our meetings, what types of presentations do you want to see? We, the Board are looking for your ideas for presentations at our meetings. Your suggestions are needed. Please let us know what you want to see at our meetings.

73,

Sue, AF6LJ

ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHZ Repeater	440 MHZ Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2



JTAlert

By Dave Ward KD6DW

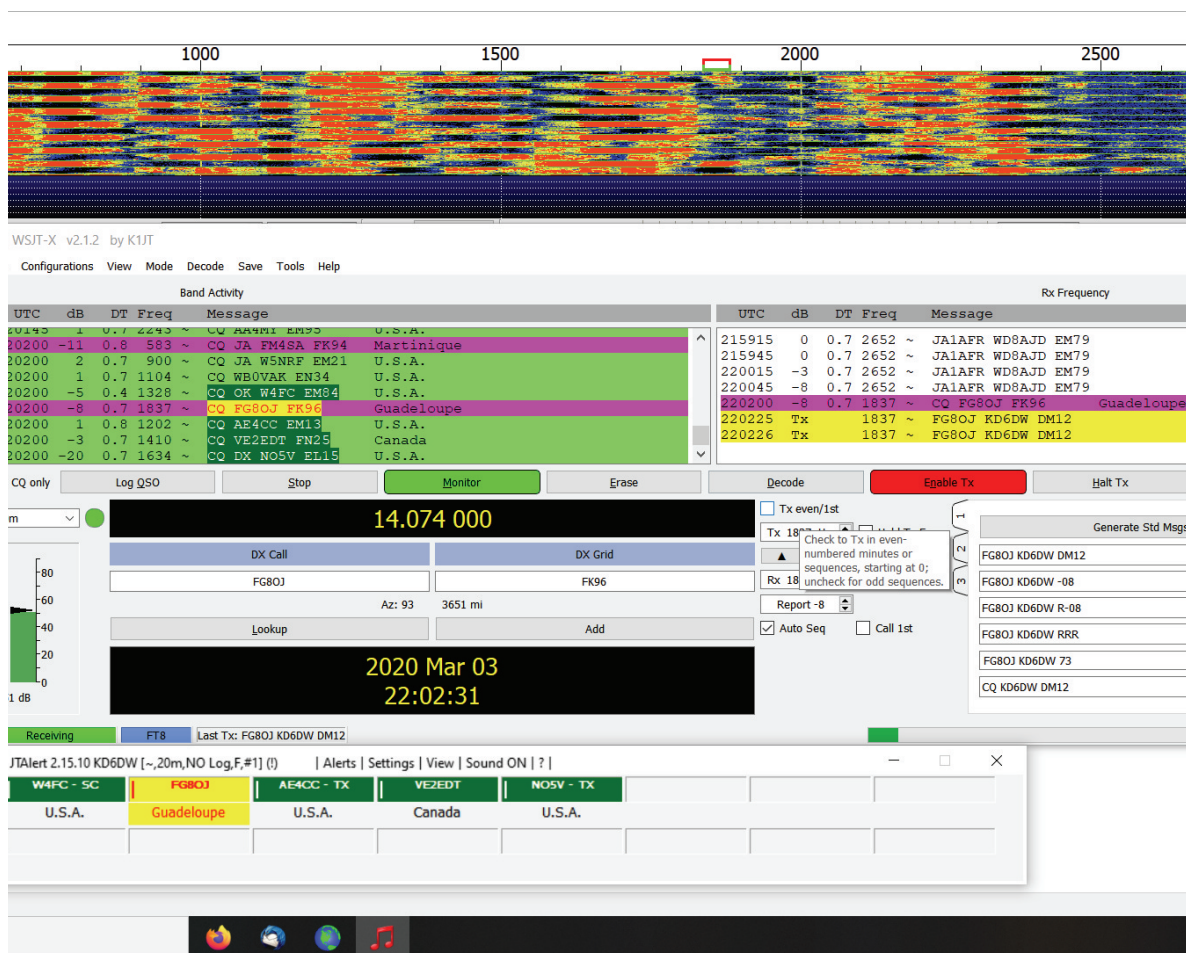
JTAlert is an add on program for FT8 using WSJT-X software that helps find those stations you need to work for your WAS,DXCC or other certificates. It can give video or audio alerts for those stations you need. by downloading the add on files when you download the JTAlert program and setting up the program it announces the states by name or "DXCC" if you of them pops up in the alert window . Station you do not need are in green, stations you need are in yellow, stations you have worked before are in gray using the default settings. You can also watch for continents, grids ,CQ zones and more. You can also watch for select bands or modes that are supported by WSJT. Go to <https://hamapps.com/> to download the program and audio

What's Happening

The Covid-19 virus has been weighing on the minds of the board, we have had a discussion over the last two days regarding our April meeting, and we decided to cancel the April meeting. We plan on pursuing our ongoing projects, like repeater upgrades and Field Day 2020 preparations. We and other clubs are following the lead of others who are taking precautions regarding exposure of their members and patrons to Covid-19. Like everyone else; we will be "playing it by ear".

I had another subject I wanted to talk about this month, but Covid-19 has overshadowed just about everything except for the economy auguring into the side of a mountain. Just keep in the back of your mind this question; What role do we as amateurs want the FCC to play in our daily lives as amateur radio operators. Recent events have prompted me to question what is that role and is it useful.

73' AF6LJ



Above; Screen shot of JTAlert

Support Our Local Businesses

Now more than ever our local business that support our amateur radio community need your support.



WAMO Net Rebirth

Steve AJ6IT has brought the Wednesday WAMO Net back from its long hibernation. The WAMO Net is a controlled net for members, and non-members of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon. The net meets every Wednesday starting with early check-ins at 7:45 PM Pacific time. Come and join us for the WAMO net.

Donut Net

Monday nights after dinner the Donut Net can be found on the ARCEC VHF repeater. Axel KI6RRN hosts a fun filled net with trivia questions and other activities. The net is a great place to spend that after dinner and before prime TV time. Come and join Axel for fun and fellowship with your fellow hams every Monday at 7:00 PM.

Club Shirts & Jackets

We have green, pocketed 2013 Field Day club shirts available in sizes S (2), M (1), and L (8) for \$10 each. Our standard Club Shirts have no pocket and are in sizes M (10), L (4), 2XL (7), 3XL (4), 4XL (5) for \$10 each. Sizes are limited to stock on hand.

Lined Windbreaker Jackets are also available in sizes L (1) and XL (7) for \$24 each. These have side pockets with snap closure.

Membership Badges & Pins

All members of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon who might wish to obtain a membership badge can contact Dell Awards and place an order with them. They are our current preferred source for these badges, and have our logo and design on file and ready to create a custom badge for members. Current price is \$7.50 per badge and they have indicated that there is normally a 3 business day turnaround time. These are quality badges made by a long established company, so place yours on order soon. They can be reached at the below address and phone number, and be sure to mention you saw this blurb in the Counterpoise newsletter too.

Dell Awards

7949 Broadway

Lemon Grove, CA 91945

(619) 469-2100

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm

Sat 10am-1pm

Sun - Closed

Club Pins Now Available:

They have arrived! A limited number of club pins are now here and can be obtained from our Treasurer at most club functions. These are 1" diameter pins with a rubber clutch pin on rear. You can now show the world your support of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, and for the small cost of \$3.00 each too. Get them while they are available.





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Date of application: ___ / ___ / ___

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Cash Check Check # _____

Membership Type: Individual (\$20/year) Family* (\$35/year)

Membership Status: New Renewal Returning Member

Call Sign First Name _____ Last Name _____

If a previous member, what was your WAMO number?

ARRL Member: Yes No

License Class: Technician General Extra Other

Email Address (required) _____

Phone Number (optional) _____

**Use another sheet of paper to add Family members and please include the following information:*

First Name, Last Name, Call Sign (if any), License Class, Wamo Number (if any), & Email Address.

Submitting this form:

To submit this form, you can mail it to:

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon
P.O. Box 50
El Cajon, CA 92022**

-OR-

Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at www.wa6bgs.us which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.

Members with an FCC Call Sign are full members with voting privileges. Members without an FCC Call Sign are Associate members without voting privileges.

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